



## **U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES** **COMMAND (AIRBORNE)** ***BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH***

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# **MAJ. GEN. THOMAS R. CSRNKO**

**Commanding General**  
**Assumed Command on July 17, 2006**

Major General Thomas R. Csrnko assumed command of the U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) on July 17, 2006. He was commissioned from Indiana University of Pennsylvania as an Infantry Officer in 1974 with a Bachelors of Science Degree.

Csrnko's first assignment was with 2nd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment where he served as a Rifle and then Mortar Platoon leader with A Company; Heavy Mortar Platoon leader and Executive Officer for the Combat Support Company; and Assistant S-3 for Operations on the battalion staff. He then served as the Assistant S-3 for Operations for 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

He graduated from both the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and Special Forces Officer Qualification Course and then was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C. Csrnko served as the Commander of Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha 586, Battalion Adjutant, and the Commander of A Company, from 1979-1982. In 1982, Csrnko was assigned to Germany as the 3rd Armored Division Assistant G-1 (Plans and Policy) and then the Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Armored Division, United States Europe and Seventh Army.



Following his tour with 3rd Armored Division, Csrnko was assigned as the Inspector General, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, N.C. from 1985-1988. He then served as Executive Officer, 3d Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C. from 1988-1990. Csrnko graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and was assigned as a Joint Staff Officer, Special Operations Division, J3, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C. from 1990-1993.

Following his Pentagon assignment, Csrnko was assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky. to assume command of 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) from 1993-1995.

After his battalion command, he served as Chief, Special Operations Coordination Element (SOCOORD), III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas from 1995 to 1996 and then attended the U.S. Army War College from 1996 to 1997. From June 1997 to June 1998, he served as Director, Department of Joint and Multinational Operations, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks.

Csrnko then assumed command of 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Lewis, Wash. on July 1, 1998.

In August 2000, he was reassigned as Deputy Commander/Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, N.C.. Csrnko was next assigned as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation Kuwait, American Embassy, from August 2001 to August 2003. He then assumed command of Special Operations Command Europe (Airborne) from August 2003 until July 2006.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses.

Csrnko's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (1 OLC), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, (7 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Maj. Gen. Csrnko is married to the former Diane E. Hunt of Denver, Colorado. They have two sons, Scott and Ryan.

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